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Application No.: 10/521,451

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Examiner: Ali S. Abyaneh

Applicant:

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Title:

VALIDITY VERIFICATION METHOD FOR A LOCAL DIGITAL NETWORK

Attorney Docket: 90500-000040/US

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APPLICANTS' INITIATED INTERVIEW SUMMARY

Sir:

Further to a Notice of Allowance mailed on June 25, 2009, and an Examiner initiated interview conducted on June 18, 2009, the following Examiner Initiated Interview Summary is respectfully submitted in connection with the aboveidentified application:

Claims 17, 18, 20, 21, 24-33, 35, and 36 are currently pending in the subject application. Claim 17 is the sole independent claim.

The courtesies extended by Examiner Abyaneh to Applicants' representative, David J. Cho, Reg. 48,078, during a telephonic interview conducted on June 18, 2009, are acknowledged and appreciated. The substance of the interview is set forth in the Examiner's Interview Summary and in the following Examiner Initiated Interview Summary. As required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.133(b), Applicants' summary of that interview is as follows:

1. Brief Description of any Exhibit Shown

No exhibit was shown or demonstrated during the interview.

2. Identification of the Claims Discussed

The Examiner and Applicants' representative discussed independent claim 17, and dependent claim 34.

3. Identification of the Specific Prior Art Discussed

No specific prior art was discussed

4. Identification of the Proposed Amendments

Amendments were proposed during the interview to place the application in condition for allowance.

5. Summary of the Arguments Presented to the Examiner

No arguments were presented to the Examiner regarding the patentability of the claims.

6. General Indication of Other Pertinent Matters Discussed

No other pertinent matters were discussed during the interview.

7. General Outcome of the Interview

The Examiner and Applicants' representative agreed that if the subject matter of claim 34 was incorporated into independent claim 17, it would place the application in condition for allowance.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact John A. Castellano, Reg. No. 35,094 at the telephone number of the undersigned below.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-0750 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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COMMENTS ON THE EXAMINER'S STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Sir:

In reply to the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance, provided with the Notice of Allowance dated June 25, 2009, Applicants submit the following comments.

The Examiner offers several reasons why the claims of the present application are allowable over the prior art of record. Although Applicants agree that the various claimed limitations mentioned in the claims are not taught or suggested by the prior art taken either singly or in combination, Applicants do not necessarily agree with any of the Examiner's characterizations of what the prior art does allegedly teach. Further, Applicants wish to emphasize that each claim should be limited solely by the limitations set forth therein and should not be limited, in any way, by Examiner's Statements regarding limitations not set forth therein. Finally, Applicants note that it is each claim, taken as a whole, including the interrelationships and interconnections between various claimed elements, which is allowable over the prior art of record.

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